

A THIRD STATUS

Editor,

As sometimes happens to asthmatic and epileptic patients, every now and then, a well controlled hypertensive patient also enters, for no apparent reason, a refractory hypertensive state that would demand urgent treatment with much higher doses of his usual medications and often with different and more powerful drugs to reverse it.

In line with the nomenclature used for the first two conditions,

i.e., status asthmaticus and status epilepticus, I suggest we use for this particular hypertensive state, the name 'Status Angiotensus', meaning a refractory state of tense arterioles.

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